



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2001 Assembly Bill 45

Assembly Amendment 1

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Under **current law**, the statutory fee paid to witnesses before a circuit court is \$16 per day. [s. 814.67 (1) (b) 1., Stats.] **Assembly Bill 45** authorizes the county board to establish a higher witness fee for the county in which the witness testifies.

Assembly Amendment 1 continues to authorize the county board to establish a higher witness fee but expressly limits the application of the higher fee to witnesses before the circuit court located in that county. The limiting language of the amendment is intended to clarify that other noncourt proceedings, such as various types of administrative proceedings, which are currently covered by the \$16 statutory witness fee through cross-reference, are not affected by any increased witness fee established by a county. In other words, the intent of the proposal is to allow a county to increase statutory witness fees in circuit court proceedings; there is no intent to increase fees for other types of proceedings.

Assembly Amendment 1 was adopted by the Assembly on a voice vote on March 22, 2001.